

REMARKS

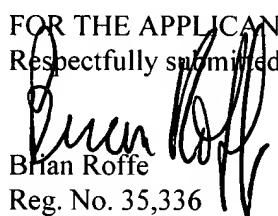
Entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 8-20, 22-24 and 26-31 are presently active in this application, claims 7, 21 and 25 having been cancelled. Claims 1, 9-12, 19, 23, 26 and 27 are amended.

In this Amendment, independent claims 1 and 19 are amended in consideration of prior art uncovered during the prosecution of a corresponding British patent application. An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith listing the references cited during the prosecution of the British patent application along with a copy of the Examination Report.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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